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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995	Application Number 09/780,650 Filing Date February 12, 2001 First Named Inventor ROBERT D'AMATO Group Art Unit 1616 Examiner Name B. Badio, Ph.D. Attorney Docket Number 05213-0493 (43170-253692)
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may file a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - iii. Other
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other: 3-mth. extension of time; and

Submission of Art and 100 references

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. Checks in the amount of \$750 and \$930 are enclosed for the following fees:
 - i. RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), REQUIRED when filing the RCE.
 - ii. Extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17.
- b. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-0855

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED

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